

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, January 22, 2001

HOUSE

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on January 30, 2001, at 2:00 p.m.

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 6. *A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.*

Daschle

S 97, S 101-13

S. 7. *A bill to improve public education for all children and support lifelong learning; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.*

Daschle

S 97, S 113-145

S. 8. *A bill to improve the economic security of workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.*

Daschle

S 97

S. 9. *A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.*

Daschle

S 97, S 145-55

S. 16. *A bill to improve law enforcement, crime prevention, and victim assistance in the 21st century; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Daschle

S 97, S 164-222

See S 168: SEC. 1205. AMENDMENT OF THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES FOR ASSAULTS AND THREATS AGAINST FEDERAL JUDGES AND CERTAIN OTHER FEDERAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

See S 176: SEC. 1611. FEDERAL REENTRY CENTER DEMONSTRATION.

(a) Authority and Establishment of Demonstration Project.--

*From funds made available to carry out this section, the Attorney General, in consultation with the **Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts**, shall establish the Federal Reentry Center Demonstration project. The project shall involve appropriate prisoners from the Federal prison population and shall utilize community corrections facilities, home confinement, and a coordinated response by Federal agencies to assist participating prisoners, under close monitoring and more seamless supervision, in preparing for and adjusting to reentry into the community.*

See S 177: SEC. 1612. FEDERAL HIGH-RISK OFFENDER REENTRY DEMONSTRATION.

(a) Authority and Establishment of Demonstration Project.--

*From funds made available to carry out this section, the **Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts**, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall establish the Federal High-Risk Offender Reentry Demonstration project.*

Measures Introduced (Cont'd.):

SEC. 1614. FEDERAL INTENSIVE SUPERVISION, TRACKING, AND REENTRY TRAINING (FED iSTART) DEMONSTRATION.

(a) Authority and Establishment of Demonstration Project.--

*From funds made available to carry out this section, the **Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts** shall establish the Federal Intensive Supervision, Tracking and Reentry Training Demonstration (FED iSTART) project.*

See S 191: SEC. 3113. RIGHT TO NOTICE AND TO BE HEARD CONCERNING PLEA.

(2) Action by judicial conference.--

*(A) Recommendations.--Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the **Judicial Conference of the United States** shall submit to Congress a report containing recommendations for amending the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to provide enhanced opportunities for victims to be heard on the issue of whether or not the court should accept a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.*

S. 17. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Daschle

S 97, S 222-32

S. 18. A bill to increase the availability and affordability of quality child care and early learning services, *to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to expand the scope of the Act*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Daschle

S 97, S 232-37

S. 19. *A bill to protect the civil rights of all Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Daschle

S 97-8, S 237-49

S. 21. A bill to establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

Daschle

S 98

S. 22. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide meaningful campaign finance reform through requiring better reporting, decreasing the role of soft money, and increasing individual contribution limits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Hagel

S 98, S 260

S. 23. A bill to promote a new urban agenda, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Lott

S 98, S 260-9

S. 24. A bill to provide improved access to health care, enhance informed individual choice regarding health care services, lower health care costs through the use of appropriate providers, improve the quality of health care, improve access to long-term care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Lott

S 98, S 269-94

S. 25. A bill to provide for the implementation of a system of licensing for purchasers of certain firearms and for a record of sale system for those firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Feinstein

S 98, S 294-8

Measures Introduced (Cont'd.):

S. 27. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

McCain

S 98, S 298-301

S. 30. *A bill to strengthen control by consumers over the use and disclosure of their personal financial and health information by financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.*

Sarbanes

S 98, S 303-7

S. 32. *A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the remedial jurisdiction of inferior Federal courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

"... Judicial activism is a matter of great concern to me and has been for many years. I have always felt that Federal judges must strictly adhere to the principle that it is their role to interpret the law and not make the law. This simple principle is fundamental to our system of government. The American people deserve a response to the Jenkins decision. We must provide protection against the imposition of taxes by an unelected, unaccountable judiciary. We must not permit this blatant violation of the separation of powers. We have a duty to right this wrong..."

Thurmond

S 98, S 308-9

S. 33. A bill to amend title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 *to exclude prisoners from the requirements of that title and section*; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Thurmond

S 98, S 309-11

S. 34. *A bill to eliminate a requirement for a unanimous verdict in criminal trials in Federal courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Thurmond

S 98, S 311-12

S. 36. *A bill to amend title 1, United States Code, to clarify the effect and application of legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

*"... Under my bill, newly enacted laws are not to be applied retroactively and do not create a private right of action, unless the legislation expressly provides otherwise. It is important to note that my bill does not in any way restrict the Congress on these important issues. The Congress may override this presumption by simply stating when it wishes legislation to be retroactive or create new private rights of action. It is clear that this legislation would save litigants and our judicial system millions and millions of dollars by avoiding a great deal of uncertainty and litigation. **The Administrative Office of the Courts** has expressed support for this important clarification to the law. Mr. President, if we are truly concerned about relieving the backlog of cases in our courts and reducing the costs of litigation, we should help our judicial system to focus its limited time and resources on resolving the merits of disputes, rather than deciding these preliminary matters..."*

Thurmond

S 98, S 313

S. 46. A bill to *amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code*, to authorize the use of clinical social workers to conduct evaluations to determine work-related emotional and mental illnesses; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Inouye

S 98, S 319

Measures Introduced (Cont'd.):

S. 57. *A bill to convert a temporary Federal judgeship in the district of Hawaii to a permanent judgeship, authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the district of Hawaii, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Inouye

S 99

S. 59. A bill to allow the psychiatric or psychological examinations *required under chapter 313 of title 18, United States Code*, relating to offenders with mental disease or defect, to be conducted by a clinical social worker; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Inouye

S 99, S 322

S. 61. A bill to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Inouye

S 99, S 322-3

S. 75. A bill to protect the lives of unborn human beings; read the first time.

Helms

S 99, S 333-4

S. 76. A bill to make it a violation of a right secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States to perform an abortion with the knowledge that the abortion is being performed solely because of the gender of the fetus; *read the first time.*

Helms

S 99, S 334

S. 77. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 *to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Daschle

S 99, S 336-8

S. 78. *A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to make preferential treatment an unlawful employment practice, and for other purposes; read the first time.*

Helms

S 99, S 334

S. 79. A bill to encourage drug-free and safe schools; *read the first time.*

Helms

S 99, S 334-6

S. 89. A bill to *enhance the illegal narcotics control activities of the United States*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Grassley

S 99-100, S 346-55

S. 92. A bill to *authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Service* for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Gramm

S 100, S 356

S. 106. *A bill to amend the provisions of titles 5 and 28, United States Code, relating to equal access to justice, award of reasonable costs and fees, taxpayers' recovery of costs, fees, and expenses, administrative settlement offers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Feingold

S 100, S 378-80

Measures Introduced (Cont'd.):

S. 108. A bill to reduce the number of executive branch political appointees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Feingold

S 100, S 380-1

S. 110. *A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.*

Feingold

S 100, S 382-3

S. 121. A bill to *establish an Office of Children's Services within the Department of Justice* to coordinate and implement Government actions involving unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Feinstein

S 100, S 396-8

S. 122. A bill to prohibit a State from determining that a ballot submitted by an absent uniformed services voter was improperly or fraudulently cast unless that State finds clear and convincing evidence of fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Campbell

S 100, S 398-9

S. 124. A bill to exempt agreements relating to voluntary guidelines governing telecast material, movies, video games, Internet content, and music lyrics from the applicability of the antitrust laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Lott

S 100

S. 134. A bill to ban the importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Feinstein

S 101, S 408-9

S. 136. A bill to amend the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 to extend trade negotiating and trade agreement implementing authority; to the Committee on Finance.

Gramm

S 101, S 410-13

S. 137. A bill to authorize negotiation of free trade agreements with countries of the Americas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Gramm

S 101, S 410-13

S.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* relating to voluntary school prayer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Thurmond

S 101, S 419

S.J. Res. 2. A joint resolution to provide for a Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment that prohibits the use of Social Security surpluses to achieve compliance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Gramm

S 101

Committee Meetings:

Committee on the Budget: On Friday, January 19, Committee concluded hearings to review the former Administration's final report on the budget and the economy, including a review of fiscal years 1994-2001, and fiscal year 2002 baseline projections and economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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Committee on the Judiciary: On Tuesday through Friday, January 16-19, Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of John Ashcroft, of Missouri, to be Attorney General of the United States, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bond, Carnahan, Hutchison, Collins, and former Senator Danforth, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Missouri Supreme Court Justice Ronnie White, Jefferson City.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week of January 23 Through January 27, 2001:

Committee on the Budget: 1/25/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine evolving fiscal challenges. SD-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: 1/24/01 @ 10:00 a.m. *Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.* SD-226.

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Executive Communications:

EC-8. A communication from the Director of Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Detention of Aliens Ordered Removed"* ((RIN1115-AF82) (INS2029-00)) received on December 20, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9. *A communication from the Clerk of the United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitted, pursuant to law, a report of all judgments rendered for the court year October 1, 1999 and ending September 30, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

EC-10. A communication from the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, *transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 1999 Accounting of Drug Control Funds;"* to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S 87

EC-27. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual management report;* to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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Remark:

The Beginning Of The 107th Congress.

Lott

S 69-79

*"... Next, we must pass a real, enforceable Patients' Bill of Rights this year. The Norwood-Dingell Patients' Bill of Rights passed the House more than a year ago with strong bipartisan support. In the Senate, it was supported by every Democrat, and four Republicans. The bill we offer today mirrors it. [] We also know that kids and convicted criminals have no business possessing guns. So we are proposing to extend Project Exile and other successful efforts to reduce gun violence. [] We want to strengthen the Violence Against Women Act, including increased support for shelters. We want tougher punishments for criminals who prey on seniors. We want to expand drug courts and drug treatment. We want to expand delinquency prevention programs, so kids who are at risk, or who have already had scrapes with the law, can turn their lives around. In addition--and this is very important--we want to ensure that crime victims are treated with fairness and respect. We are proposing that crime victims be notified about court proceedings involving their case, and have an opportunity to have their opinions heard on these matters. These things are just basic decency. They ought to be basic rights as well. [] Finally, we must take new steps to protect the basic civil rights of all Americans, because we agree with President Bush that civil rights enforcement is critical to assuring that all Americans have equal access to schools, workplaces, and the courts. We are proposing a modest and necessary increase in funding for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and other Federal agencies charged with enforcing our nation's civil rights laws, and for the **Legal Services Commission**. In addition, we seek to end racial and other types of unreasonable and unconstitutional "profiling"--whenever and wherever it occurs. As a first step toward that goal, we are directing the Attorney General to analyze the investigatory practices of all Federal law enforcement agencies..." (Daschle, pages 76-78)*

Next SENATE MEETING: Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., January 23, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., January 30, 2001.

OLA: S. Smith, J. Homanich